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SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO INVITED TO XII CENTRAL AMERICAN  
AND CARIBBEAN GAMES

1. FEBRUARY 14 SANTO DOMINGO PRESS REPORTED THAT 7 MAN DOMINICAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (COD), THROUGH ITS PRESIDENT, ING. JUAN ULISES GARCIA SALETA, HAS ISSUED INVITATIONS TO FIDEL CASTRO, MEXICAN PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA, AND PANAMANIAN STRONGMAN GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS TO ATTEND XII CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GAMES WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN HERE FEBRUARY 27.

2. ACCORDING TO THE XII GAMES PROTOCOL CHIEF, INVITATIONS WERE NOT REPEAT NOT COORDINATED WITH GODR WHICH IS REPORTEDLY UPSET BY THIS UNAUTHORIZED ACTION BY COD. SAME SOURCE INDICATED THAT ONLY XII GAMES COORDINATING COMMITTEE EMPOWERED TO EXTEND OFFICIAL INVITATIONS. DOMINICAN FONSEC DR. VICTOR GOMEZ BERGES ON FEBRUARY 14, HOWEVER, SAID IN RESPONSE TO A REPORTER'S QUESTION THAT DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT OPPOSE VISIT OF CASTRO TO THE GAMES.

3. DOMINICAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, AND ESPECIALLY ITS PRESIDENT, GARCIA SALETA, ARE CONSIDERED LEFTIST, BUT NOT COMMUNIST. GARCIA SALETA HAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED VISITS OF DOMINICAN ATHLETES AND SPORTS TEAMS TO CUBA AND  
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DOMINICAN COMMUNIST ATHLETE ROLANDO MILCIADES GOMEZ SUARDI, CURRENTLY SERVING A FIVE-YEAR SENTENCE REPORTEDLY FOR CONSPIRACY TO ATTACK A FORMER MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES. GOMEZ WAS RELEASED FEBRUARY 14 ON INSTRUCTIONS OF PRESIDENT BALAGUER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UPCOMING GAMES.

COMMENT

SHOULD CASTRO OR OTHER TWO LA LEADERS AGREE TO ACCEPT COD INVITATION, A PROSPECT WHICH SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY, THE SECURITY PROBLEMS FACING THE GODR DURING THE GAMES WOULD BE GREATLY MAGNIFIED.

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